

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claim 5 was indicated in the Advisory Action as being allowed. It is believed that, in light of the allowance of claim 5 and the amendments herein, the present Amendment puts the present case in condition for immediate allowance.

More particularly, claims 2 - 7 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 8 are being canceled herefrom, without prejudice, for possible pursuit in a future continuation Application. Claims 2 - 4 and 6 - 7 have been amended herein to depend from the sole remaining independent claim, allowed claim 5.

Applicant's sole independent claim 5 recites a driver stage with, among other limitations:

the relationship being set in accordance with the following rule:

$$\frac{W_2}{W_1} = 3 \frac{V_{DDQ} - \Delta V}{V_{DDQ} - 3\Delta V} \frac{4V_G - 4V_{th} - V_{DDQ} + \Delta V}{4V_G - 4V_{th} - V_{DDQ} + 3\Delta V} - 1$$

The Office Action dated April 19, 2005, stated with regard to Applicant's claim 5:

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior arts fail to teach the driver stage having the relationship being set in accordance with the following rule:

$$\frac{W_2}{W_1} = 3 \frac{V_{DDQ} - \Delta V}{V_{DDQ} - 3\Delta V} \frac{4V_G - 4V_{th} - V_{DDQ} + \Delta V}{4V_G - 4V_{th} - V_{DDQ} + 3\Delta V} - 1$$

It is accordingly believed that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, teach or suggest the features of claim 5. Claim 5 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 5.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2 - 7 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested, as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to  
Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and  
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Respectfully submitted,



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